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TAGS: ETEL, ITU (MILES, PAUL D.)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF CAPTAIN PAUL D. MILES

FOR TELATT

1. CAPTAIN PAUL D. MILES, PROMINENT U.S. TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIAL, DIED FEBRUARY 10, 1975 IN VIRGINIA. ON ACCOUNT OF LONG INVOLVEMENT WITH ITU ACTIVITIES, TELECOMMUNICATION JOURNAL MAY WISH INCLUDE OBITUARY. MISSION MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING TO PASS TO ITU FOR POSSIBLE USE IN NOTICE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. CAPTAIN PAUL D. MILES, PROMINENT UNITED STATES TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIAL, DIED FEBRUARY 10, 1975 IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FOLLOWING A HEART ATTACK. CAPTAIN MILES WAS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD.

3. CAPTAIN MILES WAS BORN IN HOMER, ILLINOIS, APRIL 23, 1905. FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1927, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNTIL 1945. FOR HIS SERVICES DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS AWARDED THE U.S. LEGION OF MERIT AND WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH

EMPIRE.

4. CAPTAIN MILES JOINED THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN 1945 AS CHIEF OF THE FREQUENCY ALLOCATION AND TREATY DIVISION. HE WAS AMONG THOSE WHO CONCEIVED OF THE IDEA OF THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD, AND IN 1947 HE BECAME THE BOARD'S FIRST CHAIRMAN, SERVING THEREON FOR FIVE YEARS AT GENEVA.

5. FOLLOWING HIS SERVICE ON THE IFRB, CAPTAIN MILES RESUMED HIS CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1969. HE HELD A NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS CONCERNED WITH RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT IN THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. CAPTAIN MILES SERVED ON A NUMBER OF U.S. DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES AND WAS NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THE MARITIME MOBILE SERVICE, GENEVA, 1967. END TEXT.

6. PLEASE INFORM PETTIT AND DELLAMULA OF IFRB, OF WHOM CAPTAIN MILES CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF LONG STANDING. THEY MAY WISH ADD DETAILS TO FOREGOING.

7. DEPARTMENT PREPARED FORWARD ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND PHOTOGRAPH BY AIR, ATTN TELATT, FOR USE IF DESIRED AND IF PRESS DEADLINE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION JOURNAL PERMITS. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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